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President's Man Carter Quits Party Committee

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Clifton C. Carter, President Johnson's man in the Democratic National Committee, resigned last night as the Committee's executive director and acting treasurer.

In an exchange of letters with Committee Chairman John M. Bailey, Carter said that he was anxious to return to private life and wanted to leave the Committee "as soon as a convenient and orderly transition can be arranged."

Bailey announced that the title of executive director would no longer be used and that John Criswell, who has been an assistant to Carter, would become acting treasurer.

Criswell, who is 34 years old, is a former Oklahoma and Texas newspaperman who has been with the National Committee since 1964.

The White House issued a statement saying, "The President has known for some time that Cliff Carter had wanted to return to private life. . . . He has done a fine job as administrator and as executive

of the Democratic National Committee."

Although Carter has been active in raising campaign funds, the National Committee's principal money-raiser is Arthur B. Krim, president of United Artists Corp. who was named chairman of the Democrats' Finance Committee last April. Krim is one of the founders of the \$1000-a-member President's Club.

Carter, a 48-year-old Texan, has been associated with Mr. Johnson since the President first ran for Congress in a special election in 1937.

Soon after Mr. Johnson became President in November, 1963, he assigned Carter to be his eyes and ears in the National Committee offices. Carter said last night he had agreed to take the job only for two years.

Carter has been running the Committee while Bailey has remained largely a figure-head chairman. It is understood that Mr. Johnson kept Bailey as chairman because he was one of the late President Kennedy's campaign advisers and



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had a wide acquaintance with Northern Democratic political figures.

In his letter accepting Carter's resignation Bailey praised him for his work in organizing the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J., and for setting up the National Committee's programs to aid the 71 freshmen Democratic Representatives elected two years ago.

But this year Carter has been criticized by some Democratic members of Congress for cutting back programs designed to aid Senators and Representatives.